



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9
Prophets & Promises:
Advent of the Promised One
Unit 10, Lesson 49

Advent 2: God's Promise to Mary

Lesson Aim: To know we can trust God to keep His promises because nothing is impossible with God.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What is one thing that is impossible for you to do?

GAME: Promise Messengers

THE WORSHIP THE GOD OF PEACE

Advent Candle Lighting Ceremony: The Promise Candle

Read Worship Scripture: Luke 1:31-33.

Sing songs and worship God. Bless and collect the offering.

Perform The Love Sub script or read storybook.

THE WORD GABRIEL VISITS MARY

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: God gave Isaiah the prophecy about the coming Prince of Peace.

Today, we will learn how God sent an angel to Nazareth with a message about how the Savior would be born. Point to Nazareth. **The 400 years before the birth of Jesus, was a time of waiting. Then, at just the right time, God sent the angel Gabriel to a teenager named Mary with a prophecy about the coming of the Lord.** Point to the Birth of Jesus (Circa 1 A.D.). Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Luke 1:26-38. Find and Highlight Key Verse First: Luke 1:37. Pray. Read.

THE WAY NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD

Gabriel told Mary not to be afraid because He loved her and was with her. If the angel Gabriel appeared to you, how would you feel? How are Gabriel's words true for you?

God promised to send a Savior who would change the world. He chose young Mary to help make that promise come true. God will continue to change the world and build His kingdom through the power of the Holy Spirit working in any of us who are willing. What are some ways God can change the world and build His kingdom

through you? (Sharing His love, serving others, telling others about Jesus, making choices that are right in His eyes, etc.) **What are some of the biggest problems the world faces today?** (Hunger, poverty, disease, terrorism, war, etc.) **Do you believe God can use you to change the world? Jesus tells us the two most important commandments are to love the Lord God with all your heart, soul, and mind, and to love your neighbor as yourself. How can obeying these commandments change the world?** Provide examples of outreach and service.

Sometimes, it is hard to believe God will use us in mighty ways. What were Gabriel's last words? ("Nothing is impossible with God.") **When has God done something you thought was impossible?**

Mary asked how God's promise would happen, because it seemed impossible. We can trust Him to keep His promises, even when it seems impossible. Sometimes, we may have questions about God's plan. If the angel Gabriel appeared, what would you ask him about God's plan for you? What were Mary's last words to the angel? ("May it be to me as you have said.") **Mary trusted God to keep His promise. She wanted to do whatever He had chosen for her to do.**

CHRIST CONNECTION:

700 years before Gabriel told Mary she would give birth to the Savior, Isaiah gave a prophecy from God about a sign that would help people know when the Savior had been born. The sign was about a virgin. A virgin is a girl who is pure and has never been married. Reveal Isaiah 7:14. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

Over 700 years before Mary was born, God had already chosen her to be the mother of Jesus. Before you were born, God had already chosen amazing plans for you. Let's pray each of us will be willing to trust God's promised plan, just like Mary. Lead children in prayer.

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Angel magnet
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: Gabriel telling Mary nothing is impossible with God
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Angel Cake

GAME: Miracle Color Quiz

CRAFT: Nothing Is Impossible Wreath

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Appearing Angel, Toss-A-Verse

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW